(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether it is proposed to extend the same now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) The 5th CPC had recommended enhancement in the amount of commutation from one third to 40% of pension. This recommendation of the Pay Commission was accepted by the Government.

(b) No centralised data is compiled as the disbursement of pension is completely decentralised.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission are effective from 01.01.1996.

(e) No, Sir.

Infrastructure finance

682. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated a dialogue with banks to give a big push to infrastructure financing in the country, which is seen as being crucial in achieving a growth rate of 9 per cent; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of these discussions and the steps taken to facilitate the banks to provide credit to infrastructure projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) In view of the critical importance of the infrastructure sector and high priority being accorded for development of various infrastructure services, an In-house group was constituted in the Reserve Bank of India for examining the issues involved.

(b) The Reserve Bank of India has issued the 'Guidelines on Infrastructure Financing' on 4.2.2003, based on recommendation of the group and suggestions of banks.

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